

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into the drum and a door for closing the filling orifice, a drying rack comprising:

at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within the drum a batch of laundry to be dried:

being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and

having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;

fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer.

wherein at least one of said surfaces is connected in an articulated manner to another of said surfaces;

said articulated surface has supports;

at least one of said surfaces has first receptacles for receiving a device;

and

at least one removable air-permeable surface is received in said first receptacles and has second receptacles for receiving said supports.

7. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 6, further comprising intermediate members respectively connecting at least one of said surfaces in an articulated manner to said articulated surface.

Claims 8-10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) In a laundry dryer having a rotatable drum with a filling orifice issuing into the drum and a door for closing the filling orifice, a drying rack comprising:

at least two air-permeable surfaces holding in a stationary manner within the drum a batch of laundry to be dried:

being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and

having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;

fastening devices removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer; and

an air-permeable self-supporting outer casing forming a closed netting shape along a circumferential surface of the laundry drum, said outer casing being connected to said surfaces.

12. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has an end face defining an access orifice closed by the door when the drying rack is inserted into the drum.

13. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 12, wherein said outer casing has a rear side and a netting-shaped closure at said rear side.

14. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing is of a wire netting.

15. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has at least two parts connected to one another in an articulated manner.

16. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 11, wherein said outer casing has at least two parts pivotably connected to one another.

17. (Previously presented) The drying rack according to claim 15, wherein said at least two parts completely enclose said surfaces in said operating state.

Claims 18-20 (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A laundry dryer drying rack, comprising:  
at least two air-permeable surfaces for holding in a stationary manner a batch of laundry to be dried within a rotatable drum of a laundry dryer, said surfaces:  
being disposed at a distance one above another in an operating state thereof; and  
having a front side defining an access orifice and a side defining at least one further access orifice;  
at least one of said surfaces being connected in an articulated manner to another of said surfaces;  
fastening devices for removably fastening said surfaces to the laundry dryer; and  
an air-permeable self-supporting outer casing forming a closed netting shape along a circumferential surface corresponding to the laundry drum, said outer casing being connected to said surfaces.